
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5545

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Esser, Reardon, Poulsen, Sheahan and Winsley; by request of Department of Health)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fees for certified copies of vital records; and
2 amending RCW 70.58.107.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.58.107 and 1997 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department of health shall charge a fee of ~~((thirteen))~~
7 seventeen dollars for certified copies of records and for copies or
8 information provided for research, statistical, or administrative
9 purposes, and eight dollars for a search of the files or records when
10 no copy is made. The department shall prescribe by regulation fees to
11 be paid for preparing sealed files and for opening sealed files.

12 No fee may be demanded or required for furnishing certified copies
13 of a birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, annulment, or legal
14 separation record for use in connection with a claim for compensation
15 or pension pending before the veterans administration.

16 The department shall keep a true and correct account of all fees
17 received and turn the fees over to the state treasurer on a weekly
18 basis.

1 Local registrars shall charge the same fees as the state as
2 hereinabove provided and as prescribed by department regulation(~~(7~~
3 ~~except that local registrars shall charge thirteen dollars for the~~
4 ~~first copy of a death certificate and eight dollars for each additional~~
5 ~~copy of the same death certificate when the additional copies are~~
6 ~~ordered at the same time as the first copy)). All such fees collected,~~
7 except for ((~~five~~)) seven dollars of each fee collected for the
8 issuance of ((~~a certified copy~~)) birth certificates and first copies of
9 death certificates and fourteen dollars of each fee collected for
10 additional copies of the same death certificate ordered at the same
11 time as the first copy, shall be paid to the jurisdictional health
12 department.

13 All local registrars in cities and counties shall keep a true and
14 correct account of all fees received under this section for the
15 issuance of certified copies and shall turn ((~~five~~)) seven dollars of
16 the fees collected for birth certificates and first copies of death
17 certificates and fourteen dollars of the fee collected for additional
18 copies of death certificates over to the state treasurer on or before
19 the first day of January, April, July, and October. All but five
20 dollars of the fees turned over to the state treasurer by local
21 registrars shall be paid to the department of health for the purpose of
22 developing and maintaining the state vital records systems, including
23 a web-based electronic death registration system.

24 Five dollars of each fee imposed for the issuance of certified
25 copies, except for copies suitable for display issued under RCW
26 70.58.085, at both the state and local levels shall be held by the
27 state treasurer in the death investigations' account established by RCW
28 43.79.445.

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